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ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM

We all recognize that the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln represents a defining moment in American history. And we probably all agree that the new Lincoln Presidential Library is a worthy and awe-inspiring resident of that history. The beautiful three-story library will house the premier collection of materials relating to Abraham Lincoln's pre-presidential career, as well as the Illinois State Historical Library, with room for future growth. The library includes multimedia centers and space for conferences, meetings, classrooms, and all of the amenities associated with a modern, world-class research library.

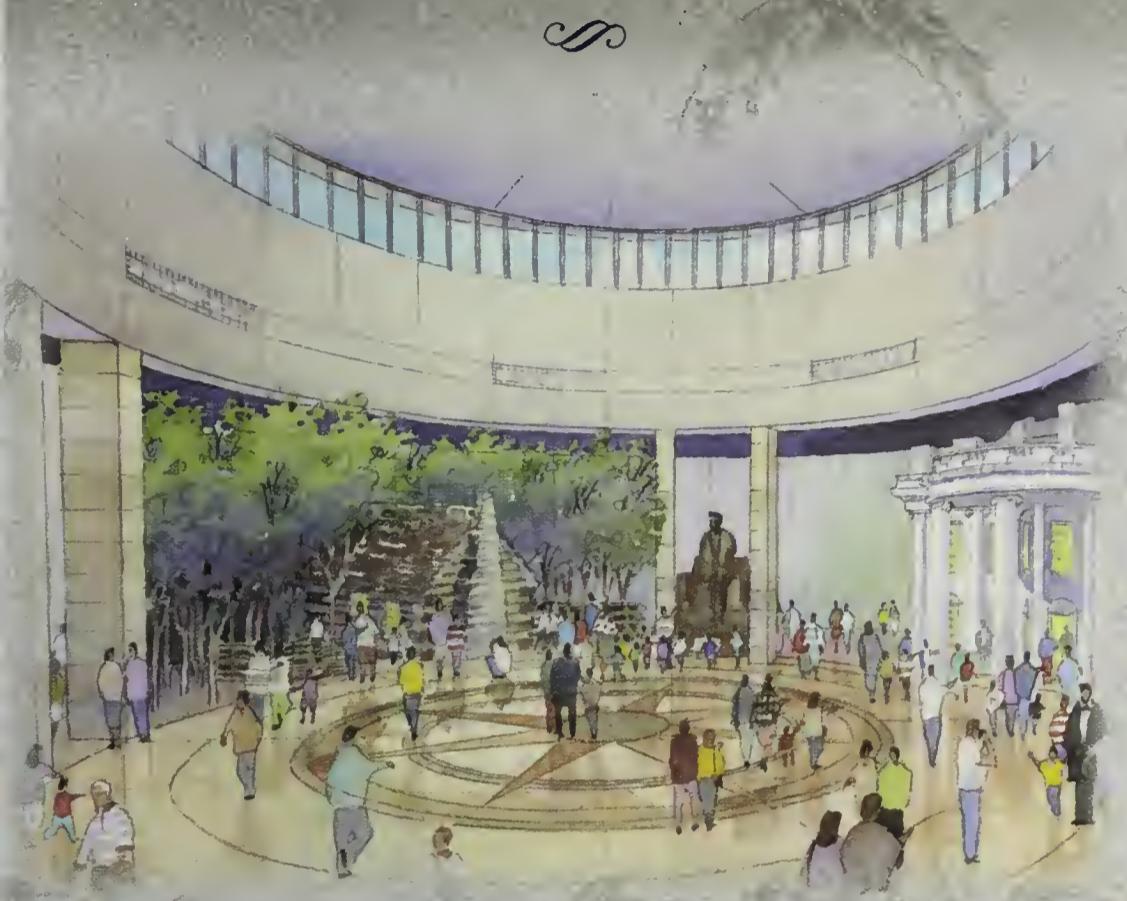
But, we are now left anxious to learn what our new Abraham Lincoln Museum might offer. Can a museum possibly live up to the expectations surrounding "America's greatest president?" Can a museum hold the interest of a leading-edge scholar as well as that of an eighth-grade class?

With one-of-a-kind attractions including immersive exhibits, displays of artifacts such as The Gettysburg Address written in Lincoln's hand and two theaters featuring "Lincoln's Eyes" and "Ghosts of the Library," we believe the answer is resoundingly "Yes"!

Let's take a peek.



The Plaza



Museum visitors will first enter the Plaza, a grand and elegant space featuring a 70-foot atrium, which will be the location for many public and special events. From here, visitors will see the entry points to Lincoln's life. A reproduction of his boyhood cabin in Indiana is the entry to Journey One, an immersive exhibit that covers the period from his childhood to his election as president. A scale reproduction of the White House facade as it looked in 1861 is the entry point for Journey Two, which spans Lincoln's presidency to his assassination.



Mary
Todd
Lincoln

Journey One



The first thing visitors will see when they enter Journey One is a young Lincoln reading a book near the fireplace of his boyhood cabin in Indiana. Among many other scenes in Journey One will be a depiction of a slave auction; reproductions of buildings that were important in Lincoln's life, including the Second Berry-Lincoln Store at New Salem and the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices in Springfield; and the 1860 presidential campaign. Journey One will end with Lincoln's departure from Springfield to assume the presidency.



Journey Two



Journey Two begins with a walk through the facade of the 1861 White House, where visitors will be introduced to Mary Todd Lincoln and the fashions of 1860s Washington, D.C. Other scenes will include the death of Lincoln's son, Willie; Lincoln's Cabinet when he first told them of his decision to issue the Emancipation Proclamation; a Civil War room with an electronic map showing the course of the war; a huge mural of the Battle of Gettysburg, ending with Lincoln's speech at the cemetery dedication; and a reproduction of the Hall of Representatives in the Old State Capitol, including the elaborate funeral decorations that soared over the coffin holding Lincoln's body.

Union Theater



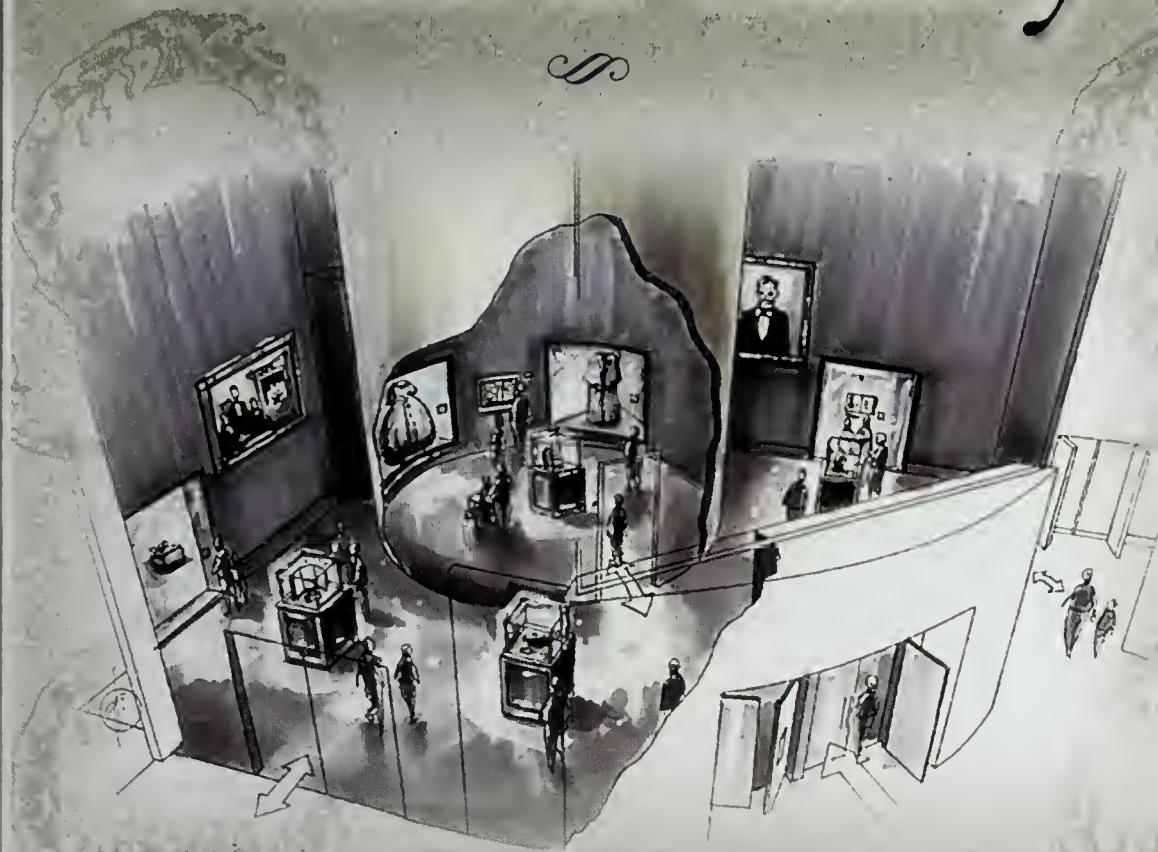
The Union Theater- will use three screens and surround sound to totally envelop the audience. The show “Lincoln’s Eyes” will allow audience members to see Lincoln as both his supporters and detractors saw him.



Robert
Edward
Lee

Ulysses
Simpson
Grant

The Treasures Gallery



The crown jewels of the State of Illinois' collection will be displayed in the inner portion of the Treasures Gallery. The Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech will rotate on display—this will allow the public to see them, but will also give the documents a rest period for preservation purposes. The outer circle of the Treasures Gallery will feature rotating displays of other great pieces from the state's collection.



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Holovision® Theater



The SBC Holovision® Theater, featuring the program “Ghosts of the Library,” is another major feature of the museum. This magical and entertaining area will demonstrate the joy of reading and conducting research in a presidential library, highlighting the work that “detectives across time,” or researchers, do here. Using a live actor and holographic images, “Ghosts of the Library’s” innovative presentation will capture the imagination of all visitors.

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Mrs. Lincoln's Attic

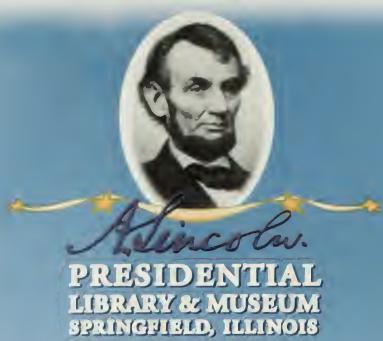


Because people of all ages will be visiting the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, a special area will be available just for children. In Mrs. Lincoln's Attic, children will be able to play with a model of the Lincoln Home, try on period clothing, perform chores from the 1800s, and play with reproduction historic toys. They will also be able to have their photos taken with life-size models of Abraham Lincoln as a boy and an adult, and of Mary Todd and the Lincoln children.

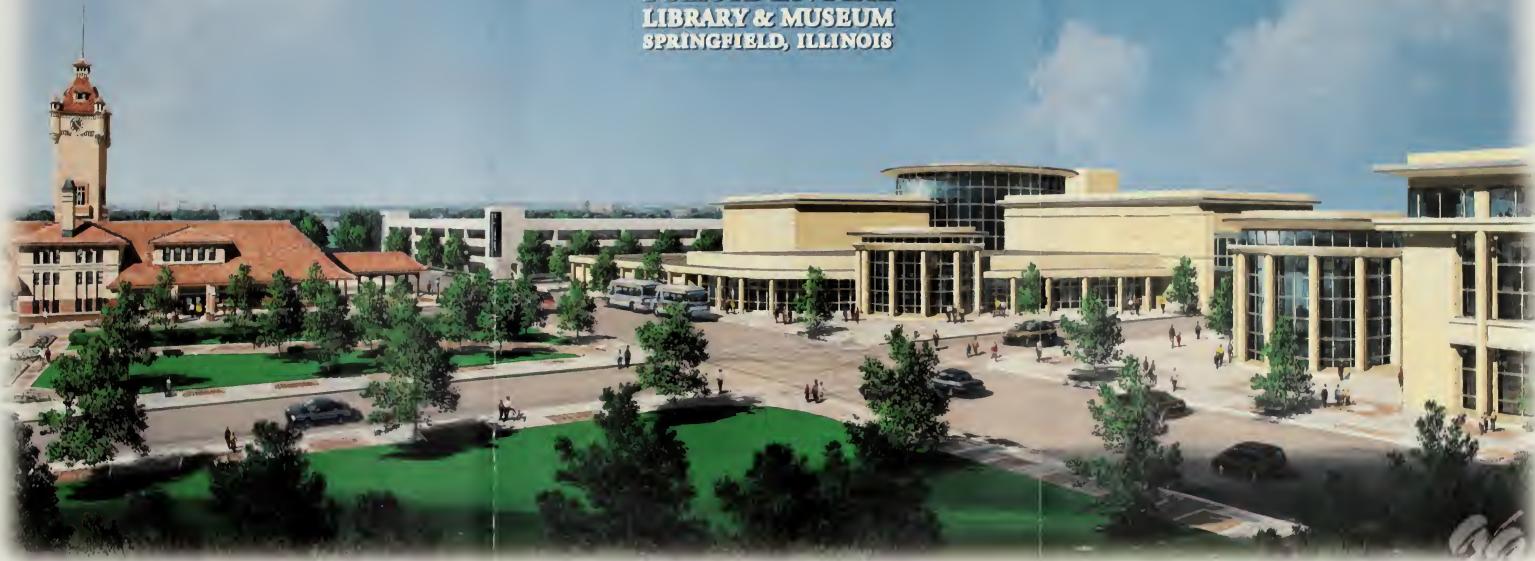
Other Points Of Interest

"Ask Mr. Lincoln"—an interactive display—restaurant, and gift shop. Space has also been set aside for traveling exhibits to highlight other Lincoln sites across the country and to encourage visitation at those sites.





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